Allocation of fund to Orissa under PMGSY and NREGA

1840. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total fund allocated to Orissa under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana and NREGA from 2004 to 2008 and percentage of utilization;

(b) whether there is allegation of misuse the NREGA funds in Orissa, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand; and

(c) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) The allocation, funds released and the expenditure incurred in respect of Orissa under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) are as under:—

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Allocation (cess)	Funds released*	Expenditure
2004-05	175.00	178.75	268.89
2005-06	268.00	320.29	377.36
2006-07	268.00	641.78	582.81
2007-08	273.00	546.83	677.41
2008-09	273.00	731.63**	499.21**

*including funds released for Asian Development Bank assisted projects.
**Upto October, 2008.

NREGA was operationalised in 200 identified districts with effect from 02.02.2006. No budget was made available for NREGA for the year 2005-06 separately. The funds released and the expenditure incurred in respect of Orissa under NREGA from 2006-07 onwards are as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Release	Expenditure	% of utilization
2006-07	78380.49	73346.62	82.39
2007-08	53695.69	57956.9	71.46
2008-09*	42622.97	27841.58	65.32

*figures upto October, 2008

(b) and (c) 16 cases of misuse of NREGA funds in Orissa, Chattisgarh and Jharkhand have been reported. 13 cases have been forwarded to the concerned State Government for taking necessary action. In 2 cases, the reports of National Level Monitors (NLMs) have been sent to the concerned State Government for comments. In one case, the report of NLM is under examination.